

Amendment No. 1 to HB4042

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 4074

House Bill No. 4042*

by deleting Sections 1 and 2 of the printed bill and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. The general assembly finds that it is in the best interest of the state and its citizens to authorize and encourage the association of human resource agencies to expand, into other areas of the state, the Moral Kombat program currently provided by the First Tennessee human resource agency or any other similar character education programs of equal or greater efficaciousness.

SECTION 2.

(a) The human resource agencies created in title 13, chapter 26, are authorized to apply for three-year step down grants, leading to self-sufficiency, in order to implement the Moral Kombat program or any other character education program of equal or greater efficaciousness.

(b) To qualify for a grant, any such program must:

(1) Target youth ages eleven (11) to nineteen (19) who are identified and referred by the juvenile court system; public and private schools; the department of children's services; or parents, guardians or other family members; and

(2) Be modeled after an existing character education program that:

(A) Possesses at least a five-year history of successful implementation and operation;

(B) Is based on national best practices of intervention, as defined by professionals in the field of behavioral sciences, such

as experiential learning, service learning, collaborative groups, mentoring and coaching;

(C) Is evidenced-based, having achieved at least a minimum forty percent (40%) recidivism rate and sixty percent (60%) non-re-offend rate, as verified by independent evaluation research, as well as substantial qualitative data;

(D) Includes multiple modules or components addressing the specific and varied needs of at-risk youth; and

(E) Is based on a cognitive-behavioral model of intervention.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting Section 4 of the printed bill and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 4. The provisions of this act shall not be construed to be an appropriation of funds, and no funds shall be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless such funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.